WHEREAS, This Nation has endured for more than two hundred years as the Beacon of Freedom; and,

WHEREAS, This Nation is kept strong and free by the loyal citizens who do preserve our precious freedom heritage through their positive patriotic declarations and actions; and,

WHEREAS, All loyal citizens should make it their duty to inspire complete patriotism among all of our peoples; and,

WHEREAS, We do urgently need a vigorous display of true red, white and blue Americanism, thus convincing friends and enemies alike that our Nation is firmly united for self-preservation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby concur with the Congress and the President of the United States in designating the first day of May, 1977, as

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in South Dakota; and I urge every individual, school, church, organization, business establishment and household within my official jurisdiction to publicly reaffirm strongest allegiance to our flag and country, through active participation in patriotic programs being sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, and others.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 17th day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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